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1. At 1300 hours on 5 August 1955, there were one Soviet cruiser and several destroyers underway in the Gulf of Finland off Tallinn, Estonian SSR. At 0400 on 6 August there was a cruiser [redacted] near the Leningrad Lightship.

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2. During the period of 8 and 9 August, three submarines [redacted] as well as two others which were painted with red lead, were at the fitting-out quay at the Baltic Shipyard in Leningrad. There were two submarines under construction on the slipways there and two submarine pressure hulls were lying on the shore. A major naval vessel was under construction on the battleship slipway. The hull plating of the vessel was not all in place. Bare frames were exposed. No superstructure could be distinguished as yet. On slipway number two or three there was a tanker under construction. Two completed tankers were at the fitting-out quay.

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3. During the same period at the Marti Shipyard there were: one tanker under construction; one tanker at the fitting-out quay; and one vessel, possibly a destroyer, under construction in the North Basin.

4. On 11 August at 1930 hours, one W Class submarine [redacted] departed Leningrad port.

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5. On 12 August at 2300 hours, a cruiser [redacted] and the battleship OKTYABRSKAYA REVOLYUTSIYA were at anchor off Kronshtadt. At 2315 hours a destroyer [redacted] entered Kronshtadt harbor. At 0110 hours on 13 August, there was a cruiser underway on an easterly heading in the swept channel at Kronshtadt.

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6. On 5 August at 2040 hrs. a submarine surfaced abruptly at the southern end of Hogland and headed southwest.

7. On 10 August, there were six small submarines on blocks ashore in Ventspils. They were ten meters long, had cylindrical conning towers, and were painted black.

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8. On 6 August at 2010 hours, an unidentified submarine flashed a message to [REDACTED] ship off Gotska Sandoe (N58-20 , E19-15). It had no deck armament.

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9. On 10 August there were: one LENINGRAD Class destroyer [REDACTED] two MO type guardboats, and two sail training ships in Vyborg harbor.

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